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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **FILE REPLICATION METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED FILE
SYSTEMS**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 13 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Request for Priority to claim priority date of January 30, 2003
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	22	-20	2	x\$18 =	36.00
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